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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
 TAGS: PTER, PINS, EPET, PHUM, CO
 SUBJECT: ELN BLOWS UP OIL PIPELINE IN CESAR, WREAKING
 GHASTLY ECOLOGICAL DAMAGE

1. (U) AN ELN GUERRILLA UNIT BLEW UP A SEGMENT OF THE
 OIL PIPELINE AT DAWN MAY 12. IT IS THE FIRST SUCESSFUL
 ATTEMPT BY THAT GUERRILLA GROUP TO BLOW UP A PIPELINE
 SEGMENT SINCE MARCH. THE SABOTAGE ATTACK OCCURRED IN
 KM. 547 OF THE CANO LIMON-COVENAS PIPELINE IN
 CHIMICHAGUA (CESAR DEPARTMENT). THE SPILL CONTAMINATED
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NEARBY LAKE ZAPATOSA, CAUSING SERIOUS ECOLOGICAL
 DAMAGE. THE DESTRUCTION OF AN ESTIMATED EIGHTY PERCENT
 OF THE LAKE'S FISH STOCK HAS WIPE OUT THE LIVELIHOOD OF

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200 RESIDENT FAMILIES. THIS IS THE EIGHTH SABOTAGE ATTEMPT ON THE OIL PIPELINE IN 1990.

2. (C) FROM MARCH UNTIL MAY 12 ARMED FORCES HAD MANAGED TO PREVENT THIS TYPE OF ELN ACTIVITY IN THE VAST AREA OF EASTERN COLOMBIA TRAVESED BY THE OIL PIPELINE. THE ELN APPARENTLY EVADED ARMY VIGILANCE ON MAY 12 BY CHOOSING A PIPELINE SEGMENT IN CESAR DEPARTMENT, INSTEAD OF THE MORE "TRADITIONAL" TARGET AREAS IN ARAUCA INTENDENCY OR META DEPARTMENT.

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